Poverty alleviation and low cost houses for slum dwellers in cities

2158. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of slum dwellers in the cities of Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kanpur, Patna, Pune, Ahmedabad, Cochin, Coimbatore and Madurai, city-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have done very little to alleviate urban poverty particularly in providing low cost houses to the urban poor;

(c) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the fund allocation for alleviation of urban poverty is very minuscule as compared to the allocation for rural poverty alleviation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) As per the Census of lndia-2001 slum population is as follows:—

SI.No. Name of cities	Total slum population
1. Greater Mumbai	64,75,440
2. Delhi	18,51,231
3. Kolkata	14,85,309
4. Chennai	8,19,873
5. Bangalore	4,30,501
6. Hyderabad	6,26,849
7. Kanpur	3,67,980
8. Patna	3,592
9. Pune	4,92,179
10. Ahmedabad	4,73,662
11. Cochin	7,897
12. Coimbatore	58,406
13. Madurai	2,21,338

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government has already been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) with effect from 2.12.2001, with a view to ameliorating the conditions of urban slum dwellers living below poverty line, who do not posses adequate shelter. The Scheme has the primary objective to facilitate construction and upgradation of dwelling units and to provide health and enabling urban environment through community toilets. For integrated development of Slums through projects for providing shelter, basic services and other related civic amenities with a view to provide utilities to the urban poor in select 63 cities a Sub-Mission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) has been launched as part of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 03.12.2005. In the remaining cities/towns an Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) has also been launched along with JNNURM. Both BSUP and IHSDP have subsumed Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) and the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP).

(d) and (e) No, Sir. Central fund released for urban poverty alleviation through the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and VAMBAY during the last three years was as follows:—

Year	Central fund released (Rs. in crore)	
	SJSRY	VAMBAY
2003-04	100.74	238.32
2004-05	122.00	269.41
2005-06	155.88	167.13

Criteria for empanelment of private satellite channels

2159. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of empanelment of private satellite channels of DAVP for approving advertisement rates and the total budget earmarked for the financial year 2006-07;